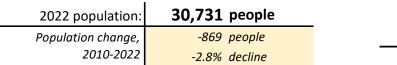
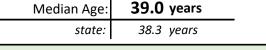
COUNTY PROFILE

Polk Co.

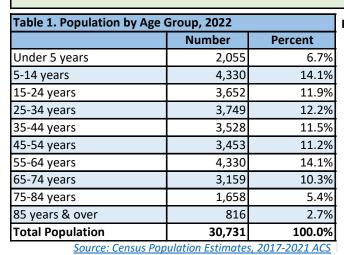
Polk Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 1, which is located in the Northwest Planning Region.

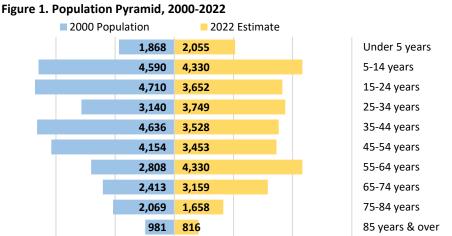
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS





Polk Co. is the 34th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased over the past decade, ranking as the 68th fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Polk Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).





Polk Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Polk Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2022								
	Total		April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022					
	Population	Natural	Vital E	vents		Net Migration	on	
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Polk Co.	-463	-70	0 828 898 -379 76 -455					
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	26,917 144,350 117,433 -17,365 20,012 -37,377					

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

2021

Compared to the state, Polk Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2021, Polk Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Polk Co.		Change 2	010-2021	Minnesota		
Population, 2021	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	954	3.0%	235	32.7%	8.5%	30.6%	
Europe	86	9.0%	-2	-2.3%	9.4%	0.3%	
Asia	276	28.9%	4	1.5%	37.0%	30.2%	
Africa	208	21.8%	181	670.4%	27.8%	89.8%	
Oceania	45	4.7%	35	350.0%	0.4%	17.8%	
Americas:	339	35.5%	17	5.3%	25.4%	6.8%	
Latin America	302	31.7%	80	36.0%	23.0%	8.5%	
Northern America	37	3.9%	-63	-63.0%	2.5%	-6.7%	

□ Europe
□ Asia
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Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population,

■ Northern America

■ Latin Ame

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

Polk Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2021



Black or African American

American Indian

Some Other Race Two or More Races

		Polk Co.	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2021	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2021	Percent	Change from 2011-2021
Total	31,303	100.0%	-0.3%	100.0%	7.4%
White	27,694	88.5%	-5.5%	80.7%	0.4%
Black or African American	790	2.5%	240.5%	6.6%	42.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	458	1.5%	19.0%	0.9%	-8.0%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	372	1.2%	57.0%	5.0%	35.8%
Some Other Race	393	1.3%	-41.9%	2.1%	66.5%
Two or More Races	1,596	5.1%	192.3%	4.6%	121.8%
Hispanic or Latino origin	2,119	6.8%	23.8%	5.6%	31.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

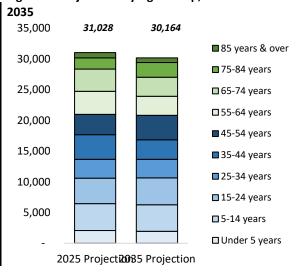
POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Polk Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

88.5%

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035								
	2025	2035	Numeric	Percent				
Polk Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change				
Under 5 years	2,068	1,952	-116	-5.6%				
5-14 years	4,389	4,316	-73	-1.7%				
15-24 years	4,121	4,372	251	6.1%				
25-34 years	3,090	3,023	-67	-2.2%				
35-44 years	3,999	3,181	-818	-20.5%				
45-54 years	3,316	3,970	654	19.7%				
55-64 years	3,737	3,103	-634	-17.0%				
65-74 years	3,626	3,088	-538	-14.8%				
75-84 years	1,830	2,399	569	31.1%				
85 years & over	852	760	-92	-10.8%				
Total Population	31,028	30,164	-864	-2.8%				

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

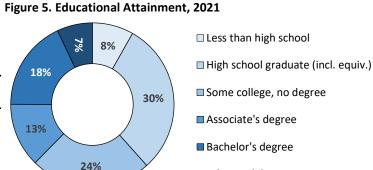
Polk Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.8%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Polk Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

91.8%

College-educated: 61.6% state: 68.0%

Associate's Degree: 12.7% Bachelor's Degree: 17.9% Advanced Degree: 7.0%



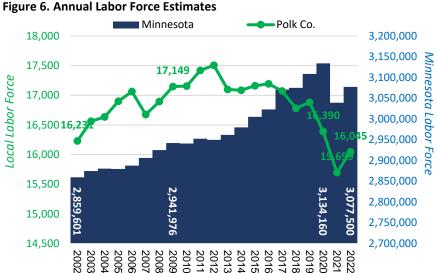
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

■ Advanced degree

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3%, Polk Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2022. After the pandemic recession Polk Co.'s unemployment rate decreased compared to 5.8% in 2020, and declined compared to the 4.2% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Polk Co. declined over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.





Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

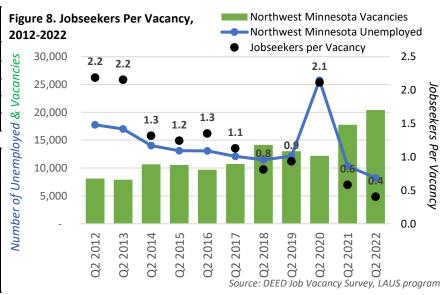
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 66.4 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Polk Co. averaged an annual gain of 131 new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of -76.6 fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Polk Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2022 600 Average of 66 Average of 131 Average of -77 346 fewer workers per year 400 ew workers 🏻 per year new workers per year Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 200 0 -200 -400 -600 -800 -691 -1,000 -1,200 -1,400 2019-2020: 2018-20118-20118-20117-2018-20117-2018-2011 1996-1997 2000-200: 2001-2002 2002-2003 2009-201ക് 2011-201 1990-199 1991-1992 1992-1993 1993-199 1994-1995 1997-1998 1998-1999 1999-2000 2003-2004 2004-2005 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 2008-2009 2010-2011 1995-1996

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035		
16 to 24 years	2,530	2,715		
25 to 54 years	8,964	8,772		
55 to 64 years	2,609	2,166		
65 years & over	1,006	909		
Total Labor Force	15,109	14,563		

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2017-2021 ACS

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. Job vacancies in Northwest reached new highs in the 4th quarter of 2021, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers and 2022 showed the lowest jobseeker-per-vacancy ratio on record (see Figure 8).

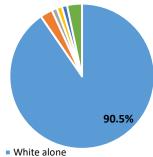


LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Polk Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Polk Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 82.6% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

		Polk Co.		Minne	esota	Labor Force by Gender	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	15,716	64.3%	4.4%	69.2%	4.0%	8,441	7,287
16 to 19 years	971	57.5%	3.9%	52.3%	10.7%	497	473
20 to 24 years	1,362	81.3%	4.8%	83.3%	6.7%	739	623
25 to 44 years	6,364	85.8%	6.4%	88.8%	3.6%	3,337	3,027
45 to 54 years	3,053	86.8%	3.5%	87.6%	3.0%	1,625	1,427
55 to 64 years	3,080	69.8%	1.6%	73.1%	3.2%	1,702	1,378
65 to 74 years	750	23.3%	3.2%	28.0%	3.2%	446	303
75 years & over	151	6.0%	5.3%	6.6%	2.9%	95	56
Employment Characteristics by Race 8	k Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. L	abor Force by
White alone	14,229	64.1%	3.2%	68.5%	3.4%	Race, 2021	
Black or African American	434	74.6%	4.1%	71.9%	8.6%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	184	52.6%	32.6%	57.4%	12.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	186	68.4%	0.0%	72.7%	4.1%		
Some Other Race	182	56.2%	1.1%	75.8%	6.2%		
Two or More Races	523	73.0%	30.0%	74.1%	7.3%		
Hispanic or Latino	960	72.0%	23.3%	77.0%	6.6%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabi	lity						
With Any Disability	760	41.1%	8.8%	53.6%	9.9%		90.5%
Employment Characteristics by Educat	tional Attainment						
Population, 25 to 64 years	12,503	81.5%	4.5%	84.4%	3.4%	White a	
Less than H.S. Diploma	707	68.6%	6.9%	66.6%	4.6%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	3,166	77.6%	2.2%	77.3%	2.5%		ın Indian & Alaska N
Some College or Assoc. Degree	4,629	79.4%	1.5%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Islander
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	3,992	90.7%	2.3%	90.3%	2.1%	Some O	ther Race

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates



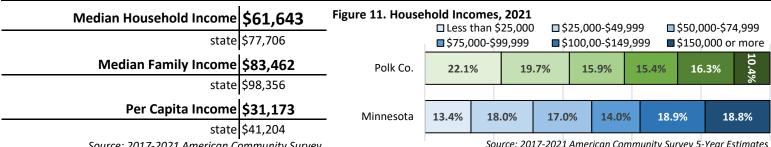
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A smaller percentage of workers in Polk Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Polk Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

	Polk C	o.	Minn	esota	Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to				
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2021	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to Work, 20				
Worked in state of residence	10,613	72.5%	2,858,636	97.7%	■ Polk			nesota 0% 6	a 60%
Worked in county of residence	9,515	65.0%	1,922,337	65.7%	ĺ	. 20	J70 41	0%	J 70
Worked out of county of residence	1,098	7.5%	933,372	31.9%	12:00 a.m. to				
Worked outside state of residence	4,026	27.5%	67,296	2.3%	4:59 a.m.	2.8% 4.6%			
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					5.00 1- 5.50				
Car, truck, or van	12,926	88.3%	2,387,561	81.6%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	6.5%			
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	88	0.6%	81,926	2.8%		9.1	%		
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	820	5.6%	122,889	4.2%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59		19.0%		
Worked at home	820	5.6%	333,556	11.4%	a.m.		19.4%		
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59				
Less than 10 minutes	4,758	32.5%	465,223	15.9%			20	39.1% .0%	
10 to 19 minutes	5,050	34.5%	895,335	30.6%			29.	.076	
20 to 29 minutes	2,049	14.0%	649,557	22.2%		1	3.3%		
30 to 44 minutes	1,420	9.7%	567,631	19.4%	a.m.	1	L4.5%		
45 to 59 minutes	747	5.1%	190,186	6.5%	9:00 a.m. to		10.20/		
60 or more minutes	600	4.1%	158,000	5.4%	11:59 p.m.		19.3% 23.3%	6	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	17.7	minutes	23.5	minutes					1

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Polk Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Polk Co. had the 53rd highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Polk Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.91 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.35 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of	Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2022								
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage	Monthly Costs						
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
	COSt Of Living	Required	Cilia Care	roou	Care	Tiousing	portation	Other	Taxes
Polk Co.	\$28,935	\$13.91	\$0	\$358	\$152	\$706	\$597	\$291	\$307
State of Minnesota	\$33,708	\$16.21	\$0	\$359	\$157	\$903	\$663	\$345	\$382
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Ionthly Co	sts		
working full-time, 1 part-	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
time), 1 child	Cost of Living	Required	Ciliu Care	roou	Care	Housing	portation	Other	Taxes
Polk Co.	\$47,888	\$15.35	\$206	\$819	\$538	\$910	\$689	\$473	\$356
State of Minnesota	\$60,540	\$19.40	\$579	\$822	\$561	\$1,151	\$772	\$540	\$620

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Polk Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 41st highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Polk Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12)

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Polk C	Minnesota	
occupied Housing Units, 2021	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	8,726	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	707	8.1%	4.3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,215	13.9%	6.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,411	16.2%	9.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,544	17.7%	14.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,437	27.9%	28.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,136	13.0%	26.4%
\$500,000 or more	276	3.2%	10.2%
Median (dollars)	\$181,5	00	\$250,200

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2021 30% 10% 20% Polk Co. ■ Minnesota 2010 or later 9.3% 2000 to 2009 13.4% 1980 to 1999 25.7% 27.9% 1960 to 1979 24.1% 15.6% 1940 to 1959 14.1% 23.9% 1939 or earlier 15.9%

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage state \$1,682

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs 13.8%

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

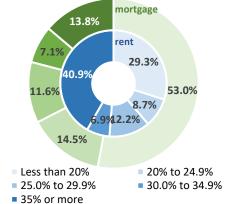
Percentage of Income, 2021

Median monthly rent costs \$731

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

state | 45.4%

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates



OCCUPATIONS

At \$22.83 in 2023, wages were lower in Region 1 than the state. Overall, Region 1 had the 4th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$44.29) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.29) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2023							
	Region 1				State of Minnesota		
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$22.83	35,000	100.0%	1.0	\$24.25	2,827,310	100.0%
Management	\$44.29	1,910	5.5%	0.8	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$29.61	1,490	4.3%	0.6	\$38.19	201,940	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$40.83	580	1.7%	0.5	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%
Architecture & Engineering	\$34.55	530	1.5%	0.8	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$29.30	290	0.8%	0.8	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$25.84	680	1.9%	1.0	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%
Legal	\$38.99	90	0.3%	0.4	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$23.26	2,540	7.3%	1.3	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$22.37	220	0.6%	0.5	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$34.06	1,740	5.0%	0.8	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%
Healthcare Support	\$18.21	1,430	4.1%	0.7	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%
Protective Service	\$28.12	500	1.4%	1.0	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.29	2,500	7.1%	0.9	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$17.98	950	2.7%	1.0	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%
Personal Care & Service	\$15.62	660	1.9%	0.9	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$16.88	3,000	8.6%	1.0	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%
Office & Administrative Support	\$23.08	4,700	13.4%	1.1	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$22.39	190	0.5%	3.8	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$27.62	1,110	3.2%	0.8	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$24.88	1,460	4.2%	1.2	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%
Production	\$20.79	3,730	10.7%	1.4	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$22.79	4,670	13.3%	1.7	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2023

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Polk Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region. There were 20409 job vacancies posted by employers in 2022, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Northwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2022						
	Number of					
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer				
Total, All Occupations	20,409	\$17.06				
Management	407					
Business & Financial Operations	249	\$21.46				
Computer & Mathematical	101					
Architecture & Engineering	138	,				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	127	7-0:-0				
Community & Social Service	379	,				
Education, Training & Library	1,540					
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,348					
Healthcare Support	1,732					
Protective Service	217	7				
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,904					
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	1,063	\$16.12				
Personal Care & Service	497	7				
Sales & Related	4,519					
Office & Administrative Support	750					
Construction & Extraction	155					
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	845					
Production	1,218					
Transportation & Material Moving	1,684	\$18.83				

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Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2022

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2022

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northwest Occupa	ations in Demand, 2022		
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Retail Salespersons	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	Elementary School Teachers,
·	- Control of the cont		Except Special Education
\$28,575/yr	\$33,844/yr	\$72,324/yr	\$56,870/yr
Home Health and Personal	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational	Radiologic Technologists and	Secondary School Teachers, Except
Care Aides	Nurses	Technicians	Special and Career/Technical
\$28,195/yr	\$46,911/yr	\$63,225/yr	\$59,020/yr
Fast Food and Counter	Medical Assistants	Industrial Engineering	General and Operations Managers
Workers		Technologists and Technicians	
\$24,863/yr	\$43,116/yr	\$47,468/yr	\$83,202/yr
First-Line Supervisors of	Automotive Service Technicians and	Respiratory Therapists	Mental Health and Substance
Retail Sales Workers	Mechanics		Abuse Social Workers
\$45,337/yr	\$44,859/yr	\$66,748/yr	\$51,793/yr
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	Computer User Support Specialists	Police and Sheriff?s Patrol	Child, Family, and School Social
Truck Drivers	computer oser support specialists	Officers	Workers
\$46,529/yr	\$49,748/yr	\$62,502/yr	\$53,854/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers	Machinists	Electrical and Electronic	Accountants and Auditors
Stockers and Order Tillers	Widefilliass	Engineering Technologists and	Accountants and Additors
\$29,252/yr	\$47,328/yr	\$52,953/yr	\$62,678/yr
Customer Service	Electricians	Surgical Technologists	Social and Community Service
Representatives	Electricians	Surgicul recimologists	Managers
\$38,926/yr	\$60,567/yr	\$52,040/yr	\$73,316/yr
First-Line Supervisors of	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Clinical Laboratory Technologists	Medical and Health Services
Production and Operating	madstrial waterinery wiechanies	and Technicians	Managers
\$60,581/yr	\$54,148/yr	\$57,045/yr	\$91,879/yr
Social and Human Service	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool	Veterinary Assistants and	Financial Managers
Assistants	Programmers	Laboratory Animal Caretakers	i illaliciai ivialiagei 3
\$37,793/yr	\$64,600/yr	\$30,140/yr	\$98,220/yr
First-Line Supervisors of	Emergency Medical Technicians and	Electro-Mechanical and	Industrial Engineers
Food Preparation and	Paramedics	Mechatronics Technologists and	illuustilai Eligilleeis
\$37,413/yr	\$37,098/yr	\$43,611/yr	\$78,819/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Polk Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 5.1% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2020-2030						
Northwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employ- ment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030			
Total, All Industries	250,722	263,441	5.1%			
Natural Resources & Mining	5,790	5,740	-0.9%			
Utilities	1,135	970	-14.5%			
Construction	10,693	11,157	4.3%			
Manufacturing	27,999	28,618	2.2%			
Wholesale Trade	11,829	12,347	4.4%			
Retail Trade	26,846	25,467	-5.1%			
Transportation & Warehousing	6,436	6,741	4.7%			
Information	2,276	2,229	-2.1%			
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,478	7,641	2.2%			
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,587	6,025	7.8%			
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	3,889	4,139	6.4%			
Educational Services	22,015	23,101	4.9%			
Health Care & Social Assistance	36,901	41,390	12.2%			
Leisure & Hospitality	20,446	24,818	21.4%			
Other Services	9,052	10,144	12.1%			
Public Administration	22,824	23,240	1.8%			

Figure 15. Regional Occupational **Employment Projections, 2020-2030**

Employment Projections, 2020-2030							
■ From employment growth -5,000		From exit openings 5,000 15,000					
-5,0	500	5,0	000	15,	500		
Management Occupations	455	9,69	92				
Business and Financial	511	2,37	73				
Computer and	177	■ 577					
Architecture and	140	861					
Life, Physical, and Social	103	450					
Community and Social	876	2,6	35				
Legal Occupations	62	373					
Educational Instruction and	1,313	6,7	45				
Arts, Design,	350	1,45	9				
Healthcare Practitioners	1,057	3,9	22				
Healthcare Support	2,24	0 8,	874				
Protective Service	219	1,72	3				
Food Preparation and	2,9	57	14,657				
Building and Grounds	643	5,34	40				
Personal Care and Service							
Sales and Related	-88	4 12,7	62				
Office and Administrative1	,027	12,9	44				
Farming, Fishing, and	-59	1,52	0				
$Construction \ and \ Extraction$	615	3,70	04				
Installation, Maintenance,	292	3,32	3				
Production Occupations	221	7,36	8				
Transportation and	1,397	9,4	141				
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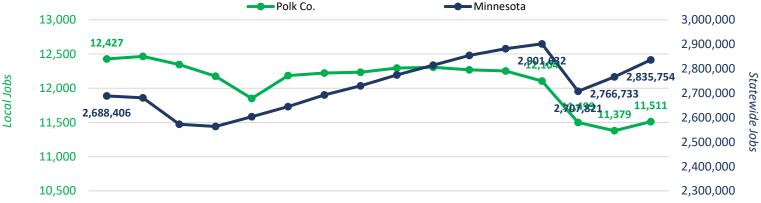
Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Polk Co. had the 35th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Polk Co. was the 58th fastest growing in the past year and the 66th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Polk Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

1,023 business establishments \$49,696 annual average wage

11,511 jobs \$572,048,396 total industry payroll

Job change, 2019-2022 -4.9% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2007-2022

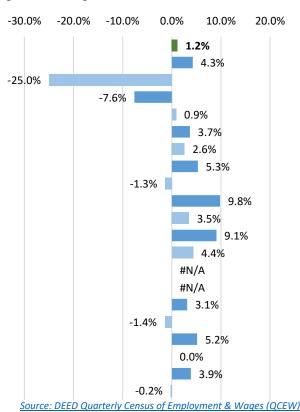


2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Polk Co. Industry Employment	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Statistics, 2022	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	11,511	100.0%	\$49,696
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	636	5.5%	\$50,314
Mining	20	0.2%	\$71,459
Construction	486	4.2%	\$72,729
Manufacturing	1,552	13.5%	\$67,886
Utilities	28	0.2%	\$120,508
Wholesale Trade	435	3.8%	\$65,818
Retail Trade	1,225	10.6%	\$29,560
Transportation & Warehousing	444	3.9%	\$55,387
Information	190	1.7%	\$38,235
Finance & Insurance	236	2.1%	\$67,291
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	48	0.4%	\$39,912
Professional & Technical Services	215	1.9%	\$65,470
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Educational Services	1,481	12.9%	\$49,442
Health Care & Social Assistance	2,224	19.3%	\$52,586
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	61	0.5%	\$18,584
Accommodation & Food Services	792	6.9%	\$18,883
Other Services	373	3.2%	\$17,315
Public Administration	884	7.7%	\$51,345

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



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